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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY, RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106, ENGLISH FARMS WALNUT HULLING FACILITY, YOLO COUNTY

Staff has reviewed your 23 August 2003 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for land discharge of wastewater and residual solids generated by your walnut hulling operation. We received supplemental information regarding the proposed discharge during your meeting with staff on 29 September 2003.

We understand that you wish to apply for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, the Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors. The proposed discharge has been assigned a threat to water quality and complexity rating of 3C, which requires an application fee of \$400. We received your check for \$400 with the RWD.

Discharge Description

The Discharger owns and operates the English Farms walnut orchard at 29415 County Road 28 in Winters, Yolo County. Approximately 30 tons of walnuts are produced annually, resulting in seven tons of walnut husks and approximately 5,000 gallons of wastewater. The wastes are typically generated in two discrete harvest periods each October. The wastewater, which contains some small pieces of husk, will be discharged to irrigate the Discharger's 27-acre orchard. The husks will be applied on the floor of the orchard by a manure spreader and are typically dry within two days of application.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD and the 29 September 2003 meeting, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take

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enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the methods of wastewater and solids disposal changes from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new report of waste discharge. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Anne Olson at (916) 255-3140.

--Original Signed By--

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Executive Officer

Enclosure: Resolution No. R5-2003-0106

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